REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-15 have been allowed in the present application. This amendment corrects further typographical errors that were discovered in the Reply filed on December 23, 2005. The Examiner's entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

In claims 2, 5, 7, 8, and 9 a letter, l, was present in several formulas rather than the intended number 1.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact J. Mark Konieczny (Reg. No. 47,715) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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